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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Subodh K. Raniwala Confirmation No. 3542  
Appl. No. : 09/753,437  
Filed : January 3, 2001  
Title : BOTTLE STERILIZING SYSTEM AND METHOD  
Grp./A.U. : 1744  
Examiner : Monzer R. Chorbaji  
Docket No. : 40002-10217  
Customer No. : 21788

**AMENDMENT D**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 12, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time extending the period for response to December 12, 2003 accompanies this response. This amendment is submitted within the extended period. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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